

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

South Beach Comedy Festival
January 18 - 21

Planning Board Meeting 
January 24, 1:30 p.m., Commission Chambers

ING Miami Marathon
January 28 & 29

Board of Adjustment Meeting 
February 3, 9:00 a.m., Commission Chambers

G.O. Bond Oversight Committee Meeting 
February 6, 5:30 p.m., Commission Chambers

Design Review Board Meeting 
February 7, 8:30 a.m., Commission Chambers

Volleypalooza
February 11 & 12

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 Live on MBTV-77

Cultural Affairs Program and the Cultural Arts Council announce

2006/2007 Cultural Grants Applications Now Available

CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAMS:

Dance, Music, Theater, Film and Visual Arts,
Arts and Cultural Education, Cultural Presenters,
Cultural Heritage and Cultural Anchors

Guidelines and applications are available at
www.mbculture.org and at the Cultural Affairs
Program office, 555 17 Street, courtyard entrance.

Required Applicant Consultations are January 16 -
February 3, 2006. Call 305.673.7577, ext. 6126
for information and appointments.



More fun at Flamingo Park

The new playground at Flamingo Park sports three times more opportunities for fun than the previous equipment thanks to the Miami Beach G.O. Bond Program and a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Recreation Development Assistance Program. The new playground includes areas and activities for specific ages, swing sets, and a rock-climbing wall. This is just one of several improvements planned for Flamingo Park in the near future. For information on the full range of Parks & Recreation programs for every member of the family, visit www.miamibeachparks.com or call 305.673.7730. **COMING SOON:** New playground at Muss Park.

The plan to make Miami Beach even better

The City strives to continue delivering outstanding, enhanced services to its residents, businesses and visitors while aiming to reduce the overall tax rate, provide a return for homesteaded property owners, and implement changes to ensure the long-term sustainability of the City.

While Miami Beach has accomplished much over the last five years, the community survey conducted in early 2005 provided insight into areas that the City can focus on and improve even further. The City has used this information to develop the City of Miami Beach Strategic Plan that sets measurable outcomes for the City to achieve over the next few years. Beginning with the fiscal year 2005/06 budget, the City implemented a new process for allocating resources based on the Strategic Plan. The City will monitor its performance and make adjustments for further improvement.

Through fiscal prudence and good leadership, the City's plan will help make Miami Beach a better place to live, work, and play.

Read more about the City's Strategic Plan, every Sunday in Miami Beach's CityPage.

DID YOU KNOW?

Collins Bridge opened on June 12, 1913, providing a critical link between Miami on the mainland and Miami Beach. The 2 1/2 mile bridge was awarded the title of being "longest wooden bridge in the world." Today, the historic Venetian Causeway follows the route.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Mayor/Commission
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City Manager
305.673.7010

Police (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7900

Fire (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7120

Parks & Recreation
305.673.7730

Parking
305.673.PARK (7275)

Job Hotline
305.673.7777

Tourism Hotline
305.673.7400

Sanitation/Garbage
305.673.7616

Bulky Waste Pickup
305.471.4444

Water & Sewer (24 hr)
305.673.7625

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Enrollment Opens for Neighborhood Leadership Academy

The City of Miami Beach Neighborhood Leadership Academy opens enrollment for the spring session. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2006 or until the class is full. Enrollment to the Academy is limited to Miami Beach residents.

The free Neighborhood Leadership Academy is an interactive civic and public information program. Each semester includes 13 weekly, two-hour evening sessions. The first class begins Monday, March 6, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, Commission Chamber, third floor, 1700 Convention Center Drive.

"You will increase your understanding of the City and enhance your abilities to actively participate in many

of the important decision-making processes that affect your neighborhood. Participating in your local government will also assist us in understanding your neighborhood needs and priorities," said Miami Beach City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez. "Additionally, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with the City employees that are responsible for delivering services to you."

Applications are available online at www.miamibeachfl.gov, Miami Beach City Hall, or by calling 305.604.CITY for more information.